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" (d) No, Sir; but a hunger strike begun on 8th December 1954 was called off on 12th December 1954, as a result of the settlement reached between the parties."

* 1061 Q.—Sri R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what action the Government have taken to settle the labour dispute in No. 6 Beedi Company, Palghat, Malabar?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, asked the parties to the dispute to be present for conciliation on 2nd November 1954 and 2nd December 1954, but both the parties did not appear for conciliation.

" It has been reported that the strike was called off on 12th December 1954 as a result of the parties coming to an agreement."

Magistrate's Court for Tranquebar

* 1062 Q.—Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to open a Magistrate's Court at Tranquebar, Mayuram taluk, Tanjore district?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Cannanore

* 1063 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 8th December 1954, from the retrenched employees of the Cannanore Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar, regarding the delay on the part of the Government in approving the resolution of the general body of the above society, dated 19th September 1954, allowing certain concessions to retrenched employees; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The matter is under consideration."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Now, Sir, some of the societies whose financial position is sound have passed resolutions at their general body meetings sanctioning certain amenities to workers employed by them. This has to be approved by the Government. The Government have not passed orders for a long time. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will expedite a decision on this matter and also pass an order in general terms so that it may apply to all societies who have passed such